

REMARKS

Claims 91 and 92 have been canceled.

Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 39-90 are pending.

The title has been amended to recite, "Method of Producing Implants Comprising Polymer Coatings Loaded with Pharmaceutically Active Compounds."

The Examiner objects to the specification. In particular, the Examiner indicates that the specification lacks a "Brief Description of the Drawings" section. The Examiner also asserts that the application does not contain an abstract of disclosure as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.72(b).

Applicants have added the heading "Brief Description of the Drawings" at page 10 of the specification. Applicants have also added additional headings to the specification.

In addition, Applicants have provided an abstract of disclosure that meets the requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.72(b).

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the specification.

Claims 91 and 92 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly being non-enabling.

Claims 91 and 92 have been canceled. Thus, the foregoing rejection is moot.

Withdrawal of the objections and rejections and allowance of claims 39-90 is earnestly solicited.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

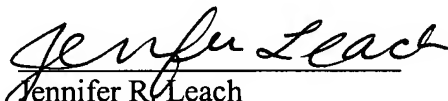
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